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MEDIA RELEASE

Michigan Man Tries to Meet 'Child' for Sexual Relationship

On February 9, 2023, the Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division in collaboration with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) concluded an investigation which resulted in the arrest of a man for the offense of indecent solicitation of a child.

For the past several weeks, Kyle J. Conner, 36, of the 700 block of East Hazelhurst Street, Ferndale, Michigan, was communicating with an undercover detective online. The detective was posing as a girl under the age of 15. During the conversations, Conner asked the 'child' for nude images of herself and also sent her sexually explicit images of himself. Conner then made arrangements to meet the 'girl' for a sexual encounter.

On February 9, Conner was in the Chicagoland area, as he was working at a convention. He finalized his plan to meet the 'girl' for a sexual encounter and drove to meet her. Instead of meeting the girl, Conner met detectives and was arrested without incident.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the incident, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges:

Indecent Solicitation of a Child (Class 3 Felony)
Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3 Felony)
Distributing Harmful Material (Class 4 Felony)

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Over the last several months, our detectives and Special Investigations Group in collaboration with our federal partners have arrested a number of adults who try and meet children for sex. We are going to continue being aggressive in seeking those who prey on our children."

Conner is due at a first court appearance this morning.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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